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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rehabilitation of the Commuter/ADA Access Way at Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center (GITC) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lowell Regional Transit Authority, located at 115 Thorndike St. Lowell, MA 01852. The funding would be used for at GITC for replacing the pedestrian bridge; replacing the elevator car and equipment within the existing shaft and elevator equipment room; replacing the platform access stairs and ensuring it conforms to current code required riser and tread dimensions; replacing the platform canopy including structure, lighting and drainage; replacing the platform decking including tactile warning strips and extending the high-level platform to meet ADA requirements; providing a new ramp at the end of the platform to offer accessible access down to the at-grade platform; and signage to indicate the emergency egress route from the end of the at-grade platform, which is a heavily traversed route with local, commercial and commuter traffic. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the GITC serves as a transportation hub for the LRTA's bus and van services and as the connection to the northern terminus of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) commuter rail's Lowell Line. Current temporary repairs have only one more year of useful life; without this project access to the Commuter Rail from GITC will have to be closed for safety reasons.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress